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MILITARY, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL INFORMATION ON EAST GERMANY (1 p; German; [REDACTED])

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This document, [REDACTED] contains the following information:

Military and Transportation

1. According to confirmed reports from Bautzen, Leipzig, and Weimar, heavy movements of Soviet occupation troops are being noticed in Sachsen and Thueringen at present. It is especially noticeable that more weapons and war materiel are arriving from the east than are moving east. An increase in the number of occupation troops is definitely noticeable.
2. A railroad employee from Angermuende reports increasing intervention by the Control Commission in dispositions made by the railroad administration.
3. The Aue - Erlabrunn railroad line has been in operation as a double-track line for a time. There are several shunting stations on this short railroad line (shipment of uranium ore).
4. A group of 80,000 - 90,000 chosen ~~the~~ FDJ (Free German Youth) members will start special training with the People's Police in mid-July. They will receive two months of basic training at first.
5. S. [sic] reports that the People's Police will be brought up to a strength of 185,000 men in July. This number does not include the men already trained.
6. A reduction in the number of occupation troops has been noticeable in Mecklenburg. It is not known where the troops have moved to.
7. It is reported that the Soviet Control Commission is considering a move from Karlshorst to Dresden. The same is reported of the SED (Socialist Unity Party) Central Office, Berlin, Lothringerstrasse.

Economic

1. There are reports that because of material shortages Five-Year Plan quotas cannot be met. Shipyards have been releasing employees, and the Riesa Steel Mill has given notice to 500 employees.
2. To lower production costs in East Germany, it has been suggested that workers be paid on the basis of workers' brigades. Special courts are being set up to deal with laggards.

Political

A general housecleaning is taking place in the VVN (League of Victims of National-Socialism) in Western Berlin and West Germany. All members showing Western tendencies are to be expelled. Many arrests took place in Parchim and other places in Mecklenburg recently. No reasons for the arrests were given. The chairman of the NDP (National Democratic Party) was reelected during the Leipzig Congress. Bolz [the chairman?] is known to have close contacts with the MVD (Soviet security agency). A public show trial of Alex Stark, former assistant chairman of the FDGB (League of Free German Trade Unions), is expected to take place in July. Stark will be accused of collaboration with the West. The head of the Zittau FDGB has vanished, taking with him 100,000 Deutsche marks. Schneider [same man?] ~~had~~ had a bad reputation and was an MVD informer. Numerous vacation homes of the FDGB are empty. Responsible functionaries are charged with sabotage. The reason why they are empty could not be established.

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